

July 2019

Kirkland Parks & Community Services



Betty Fletcher, Park Ranger

NEW PARK RANGER

Kirkland's Parks & Community Services Department is excited to welcome Park Ranger Betty Fletcher to the team. Betty joined the staff in May and brings a wealth of knowledge and background in law and animal enforcement. As Park Ranger, Betty's primary focus is helping to keep our Parks safe and available for our Community.

The Park Ranger serves as an ambassador for Parks and Community Services and the City of Kirkland by engaging and interacting with park users. The department opened this role to provide the following services:

- Provide information about available services, special events, and parks
- Enhance public safety and security in parks by monitoring high use sites during peak times
- Respond to calls for service
- Educate, warn, enforce, and issue tickets for non-compliance
- Support the Harbormaster program by performing duties at public docks and piers
- Respond to emergency situations throughout the park system

- Conduct park walkthroughs and inspections for environmental dumping, defacement, encroachments, homeless encampments, areas showing signs of illicit behavior, or unsafe conditions

MARINA

As a regular presence on the Marina docks, Betty assists boaters in understanding the park rules and ensuring they are safe and compliant. Ranger Fletcher has already assisted with sinking and damaged boats, two environmental spills, and has helped coordinate efforts with the King County Marine Patrol to ensure our boaters are safe and our park goers have a positive and enjoyable experience.

WORKING WITH KPD

The Park Ranger collaborates with and supports the Kirkland Police Department to help deter non-compliant activity, enforce leash and pet waste laws, pet licensing requirements, and general safety and usability of our parks. Ranger Fletcher has met or interacted with over

300 Kirkland pet owners since joining the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department.

OFF LEASH ENFORCEMENT

One area of emphasis for Ranger Fletcher is off-leash enforcement.

All dogs within the City limits are required to be on a leash (as defined in [KMC 8.09.120](#)) with the exception of areas that have been designated by the City as "off-leash" areas. For more information on leash laws, see [KMC 8.09.500](#). Off-leash violations start at \$25 and double with each additional infraction issued to a pet owner.

There are two off-leash areas in Kirkland: Jasper's Dog Park and Edith Moulton Dog Park.

Pets are not allowed on or off leash in Pea Patch garden areas at McAuliffe, Tot Lot, or Odhe. Pets are never allowed in designated swimming areas like Houghton Beach Park, Waverly Beach Park, or Juanita Beach Park. See [Pets in Parks](#) for more information.

RECREATION SERVICES

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REFRESH

The Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department's Scholarship Program has been updated and now includes more opportunities for Kirkland residents to receive income-based scholarships to increase access to programs. Kirkland residents can apply for scholarships to cover 50%, 75%, or 95% of the cost of a recreation program. Previously scholarships were only available up to 50% of program registration fees. Community members who wish to donate to the scholarship program can do so [online](#).

How to apply? Scholarship applications are available [online](#). All scholarships require income verification. Residents may apply for scholarships for themselves or any member of their household of which they have guardianship and income verification.



Game On! at Juanita Beach Park July 12, 2019



GAME ON! FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

At the July 2nd City Council meeting, in collaboration with the National Recreation and Park Association, Council proclaimed the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month."

To join in the month-long celebration, staff from the North Kirkland Community Center planned an evening of family fun during the weekly Juanita Friday Market on Friday, July 12 inspired by this year's theme, Game On! In the spirit of friendly competition, community members of all ages enjoyed the large yard games which included cornhole, giant connect four, tumbling towers, ladder ball, soccer golf, and hula-hoops. Staff also promoted recreation programs and handed out jazzy neon shoelaces while engaging with community members.



Ladder Ball yard game

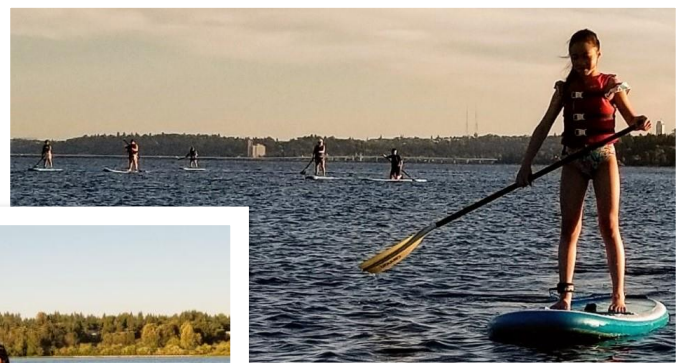


Connect Four yard game

SUNSET STAND UP PADDLE BOARD TOURS

PCS conducted its first Sunset Stand Up Paddle Board Tour with Lesson on Saturday, July 27. Everyone had a wonderful time! This new program was created for people of all ages and abilities, couples, groups and families, to offer a stand-up paddle board experience of Lake Washington.

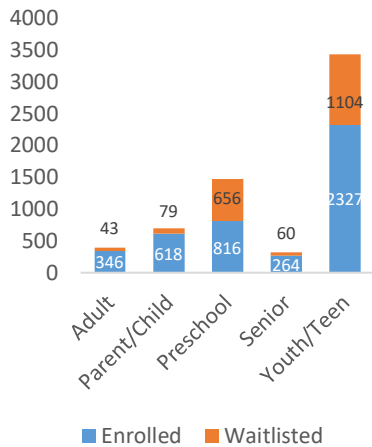
Professional guides conducted the sunset tour and provided instruction while pointing out all the wildlife the lake has to offer. It's been a successful program with the first tour sold out (plus a wait list) and the [second tour](#) nearly sold out.



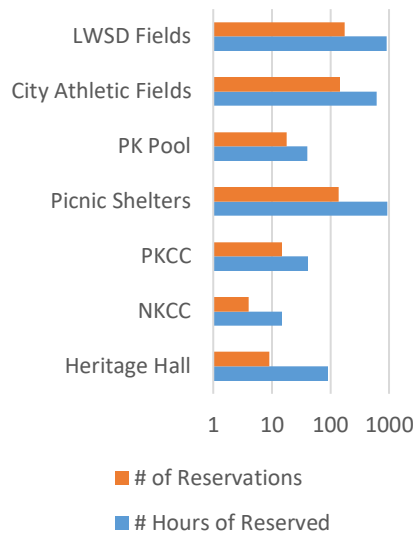
Above, Left: SUP Sunset Tour and Lesson participants July 27, 2019



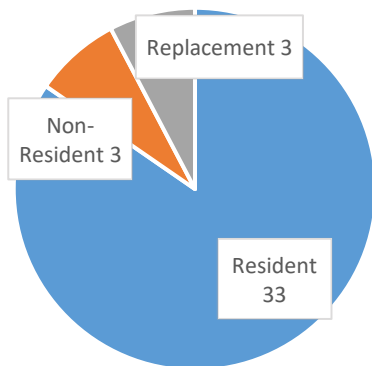
Participation for Programs Beginning in July



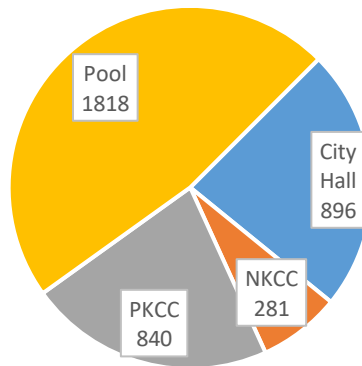
July Facility Rentals



Boat Launch Cards Sold in July 2019



Transactions Processed by Location



ATHLETIC FIELD USE

The first season of athletic field use ended on July 28th. The second season kicked off Monday, July 29th. Field use switches from primarily baseball and softball to soccer and football. Several groups utilize Kirkland's athletic fields for fall programs including Lake Washington Youth Soccer, Lake Washington Senior Soccer, Kirkland Steelers, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club, Lake Washington Lacrosse, Kirkland American Little League, and Kirkland National Little League.

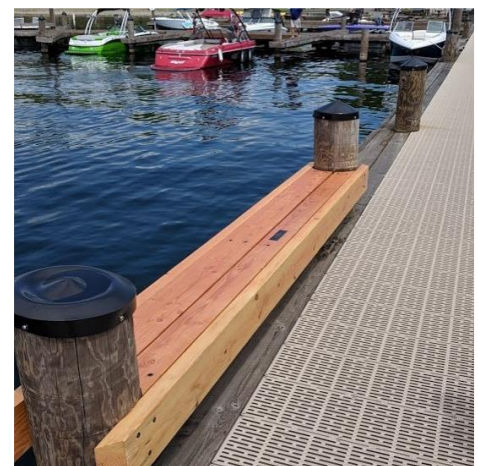
FULL COLOR BROCHURE

Staff worked diligently to complete the [2019 Fall/2020 Winter Recreation Brochure](#). For the first time, all 68 pages of the brochure were printed in full color.



SHARING PROGRAM DONATIONS

A beautiful bench on the dock at Marina Park was donated by the Shields family in memory of former Kirkland Planning and Building Director Eric Shields. Thank you to the Shields family for the donation and to the Parks Management staff for their craftsmanship.



New bench at Marina Park donated in memory of former Planning and Building Director, Eric Shields

PARKS MANAGEMENT

Park Maintenance Center

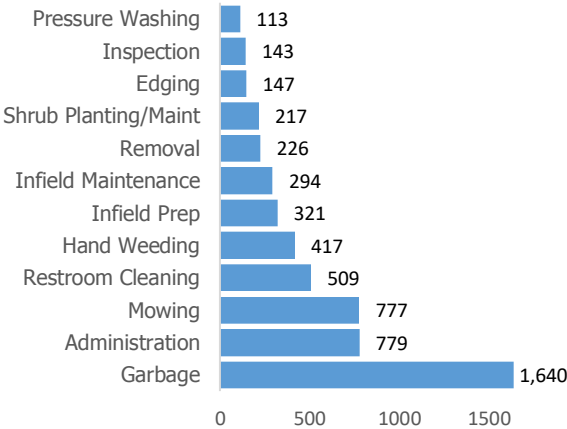
Progress continues at the new Park Maintenance Center, located at the former Office Max in Totem Lake. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. The contractor has begun framing offices, meeting rooms, locker rooms and all the associated support spaces. Plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work is progressing



Parks Maintenance Center Progress

throughout the entire facility. The new Maintenance Center will have space for all staff, including much needed storage and work areas for the different crews.

July Top 12 Tasks by Labor Hours



THANK YOU

Friends of Woodlands Park for coming out year after year to help us with the huge job of re-staining all the wood at the “Castle Playground” at North Rose Hill Woodlands Park. It would have been a significant staff commitment without the helping hands.

Seasonal Staff for their hard work, diligence, and consistent performance to get us through the summer season. Staff are doing a great job keeping up with the high impact and community requests including trail work, bench and table staining, mowing, edging, and leaf blowing.

Harbormaster crews welcomed over 1500 boaters to the Kirkland Marina. We have a great crew of staff with a courteous, consistent, and pleasant manner.

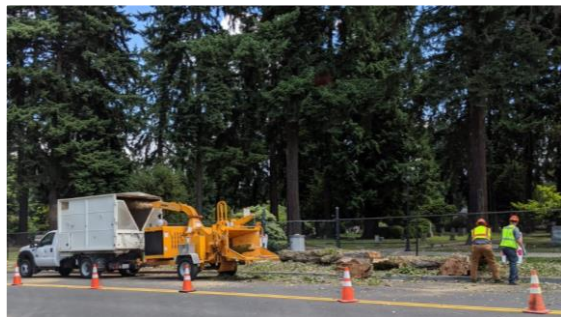
Public Works Department for assisting with various asphalt repair and patch jobs throughout the parks system. Public Works also loaned a truck to the Green Kirkland Partnership to serve as a dedicated watering truck.

Information Technology Department for their continued support of our Maintenance Management System, Lucity. After several months of testing, Green Kirkland has begun tracking volunteer work log data in Lucity. Special thanks to the **GIS Team** for their efforts to get this implemented on the back-end.



PLAY BALL!

The 2019 Junior League Softball World Series kicked off July 28th with opening ceremonies, celebrating the twenty years this event has been hosted in Kirkland. Staff spent countless hours preparing the park for the event and supporting the event throughout the week. National and international teams converged on Everest Park competing for the Little League World Series title. This year, every game was broadcast by ESPN.



PROJECTS

A row of Lombardi Poplars near the cemetery was nearing the end of their useful life. Staff developed a game plan to safely remove over 30 trees, reuse the chipped material, and replant more appropriate trees over several weeks.

Green Kirkland Partnership teamed up with the Horticulture Team and Arborist to launch two afforestation projects this fall. Staff will plant ponderosa pine trees and other compatible species in the quarried area at Watershed Park, in addition to establishing a few groves of Garry oaks at Juanita Bay Park.

The community-driven bike park at South Norway Hill is looking great. The features are low and created entirely of soil, bikers appear to ride within designated boundaries, and native vegetation is returning at the perimeter of the park. We anticipate launching Green Kirkland Partnership volunteer restoration efforts in the park in 2020.

Contactors arrived in late July to begin sport court renovations. First up is Juanita Beach tennis, then the new Everest Park pickleball court, and concludes with the Heritage Park tennis court. Over the next few weeks the community will be able to take full advantage of these refurbished courts throughout Kirkland.

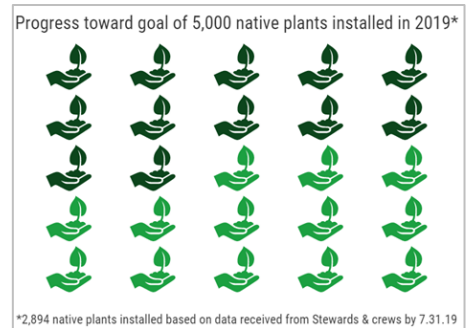
CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

A Public Works contractor will stage along the western edge of Juanita Beach Park in preparation for performing stormwater upgrades on Goat Hill.

The Cross Kirkland Corridor will be impacted by a stormwater headwall project this month. Near Crestwoods Park, a contractor will be upgrading the storm pipes under and along the trail requiring trail closures. A detour will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	For More Information
September 13	United Way Day of Caring	www.uwkc.org/events/day-of-caring/
October 19	Green Kirkland Day	www.greenkirkland.org



SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Staff supported the events listed below through permitting; coordination with other City departments for street closures, fire and police support, safety and sanitary regulations and banners; City facility use such as parks, parking lots and streets; evening and weekend on-call logistical support as needed; and communication with the public.

CELEBRATE KIRKLAND FOURTH OF JULY!

Take a quick look behind the scenes of the 20th annual Celebrate Kirkland Fourth of July. This event is put on in partnership between the Kirkland Downtown Association and the



4th of July Emergency Operations Center



Fourth of July parade participants

City of Kirkland. A crew of city staff representing Police, Fire, Public Works, and Parks and Community Services began working months in advance to prepare a consolidated action plan for the annual event which draws more than 25,000 attendees. Additionally, several staff, including City Manager Kurt Triplett, volunteer as parade route monitors. The city's Emergency Operations Center was staffed and up and running throughout the day. The team's priorities were to maintain situational awareness, focus on safety, risk reduction and mitigate potential incidents. Had an incident occurred, staff were prepared to shift into response mode with the ability to direct field resources as needed to maintain a safe and operational event. Emergency Manager, Heather Kelly, reported "The excellent planning and coordination by the Kirkland Downtown Association and the City made for a very uneventful time in the emergency operations center....just the way we like it!"



Kids Summer Concert Series Organizers Julie Metteer & Tessa Hansen



Evening Summer Concerts 85th Street Band performs

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Kirkland Downtown Association is hosting the 42nd annual Kids Summer Concert Series at Juanita Beach Park on Tuesday mornings. The 2019 season kicked-off on July 9 with the beloved Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth. The weekly series also featured Eric Herman & the Puppy Dogs, Recess Monkey and Captain Awesome Sauce during the month of July.

The Kirkland Downtown Association also hosts the Evening Concert Series at Marina Park on Thursday nights. July performances included West Coast Feed, Cambalache and 85th Street Big Band – which drew hundreds of music lovers on a windy raining evening.

KIRKLAND UNCORKED

The weather was perfect for spending a weekend on Kirkland's waterfront during the 3-day event hosted by Bold Hat Productions. Homeward Pet Adoption Center was the non-profit beneficiary and host of the annual dog modeling contest. The event also featured 80+ Washington wines, tasty food including a burger brawl and grill-off, live music, street market and boat show.



Dinosaurs take over Super Slide at Kirkland Summerfest

KIRKLAND SUMMERFEST

Representatives of Chump Change Productions moved the three-day festival to July and successfully captured the attention of 18,000 attendees with a little something for everyone. Beautiful artwork was displayed along Park Lane, Marina Park's festive atmosphere featured great music, food, drink, vendors and more, and the family fun zone filled Heritage Park with inflatables, train rides, touch a truck, and a host of community groups providing fun hands-on activities.



Kirkland Uncorked Boat Show

JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

We love our volunteers! Shout out to our dedicated crew which includes Cathy Perez, Ann Gunhus, Samuel Phara, Maria Navarro, Anne Wehrly, Romi Moretti, Hillary Willis, Maeghan Callegari and all the Elders and Sisters who come each week from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. As of July 31, twenty-four volunteers have provided over 241 hours of support to the market. Thank you, we couldn't do it



*Juanita Friday Market Volunteers Sam Phara, Ann Gunhus,
Maria Navarro, and Romi Moretti*

without you!



*Juanita Friday Market Volunteers
Ann Gunhus and Sam Phara*

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Date/Time	Event	Location	For More Information
Daily through August 3, Hours vary	Jr. Softball World Series	Everest Park	www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/jlsbws
August 10, 6pm-10pm	1,000 Lights Water Lantern Festival	Juanita Beach Park	www.1000lights.com/
August 11, 10am-4pm	Kirkland Waterfront Car Show	Marina Park & Downtown	https://kirklanddowntown.org/kirkland-classic-car-show/
August 16, 5pm-9pm	Athina Flora Wedding Wine Walk	Marina Park	https://athinaflora.com/2019-athina-flora-wine-walk/
Tuesdays through August 20, 10am-11am	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	www.kirklanddowntown.org/kirkland-summer-concerts-season
Thursdays through August 22, 7pm-8:30pm	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	www.kirklanddowntown.org/kirkland-summer-concerts-season
August 25 7:30am	Park to Park Swim	OO Denny Park	www.parktoparkswim.com/
Wednesdays through Sept. 25, 2pm-7pm	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	www.kirklandmarket.org
Fridays through Sept. 27, 3pm-7pm	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket

HUMAN SERVICES

2019 YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Members of the 2019-20 Youth Council Leadership met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Heritage Hall to plan out their next year. The group did some work on communication, teambuilding, reviewed and updated KYC Handbook, and planned out events and projects for the year. This year's notable activities include service projects, youth summit, We've Got Issues video program, and Bluefish Music and Arts Festival.

TEEN TRAFFIC COURT

Kirkland's monthly Teen Traffic Court (TTC) has been in existence since 1996. Approximately 1,500 teens have participated in the program since its inception. Kirkland Youth Council works in cooperation with the Kirkland Municipal Youth Court to offer teens who have been issued a moving violation the opportunity to be heard in front of a peer judge and a jury. Participating jurisdictions include: Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Medina, Woodinville and Kirkland.

KID'S NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

Hopelink is accepting donations of items such as backpacks, pens, paper or other basic school supplies until August 15th, 2019.

School supplies will be available at the Kirkland, Redmond, and Sno-Valley Hopelink centers on August 12, 14, 19, and 21 from 2 – 4pm. August 13, 15, 20, and 22 from 4:30 – 6:30pm. August 23rd (make-up day) from 11am – 1pm. School supplies for teachers August 28 from 11am – 1pm.

FALL ESL PROGRAM:

Our partners at Hopelink are offering free English classes for immigrants and refugees. Registration opens on August 1st, 2019. Contact 425-250-3007 or englishforwork@hopelink.org to register or for more information. Fall classes are September 16 to November 21, 2019.



Youth Council Leadership members pictured from left to right: Aiden Guerts, Sarah Handfelt, Marissa Mourer, Austin Bartoletti, Max Reisman, Eliana Sanchez, and Savannah Klein

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Kirkland, Washington 98033
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PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

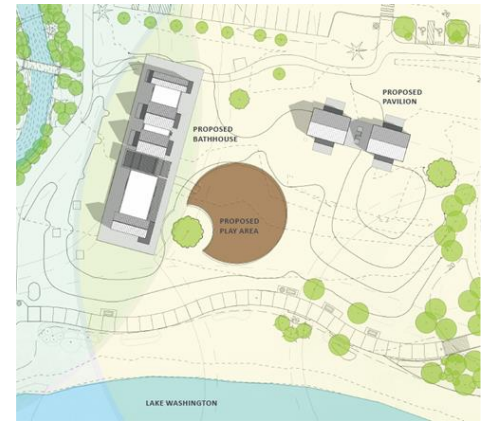
The Park Planning and Development Division is responsible for park master planning, facility design, land acquisition, capital projects, construction management, grant preparation, and long-range strategic policy planning for Parks. Current projects and status updates for this month are below.

JUANITA BEACH BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

Project Phase: Construction Documents Under Review

Updates: Waiting for review by the Department of Ecology

Background: This is phase II of the Juanita Beach Park development project. This phase includes replacing the bathhouse, adding two new picnic shelters and installing an all-inclusive new playground. Numerous environmental improvements will occur throughout the site.

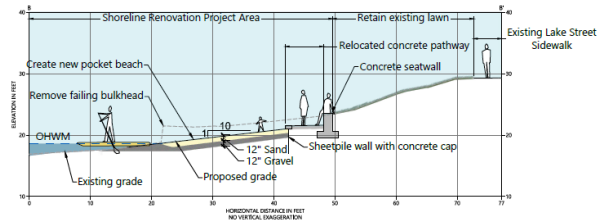


TOTEM LAKE PARK

Project Phase: Bidding

Updates: Bidding is anticipated in August

Background: With the acquisition of a parcel adjoining Totem Lake Park, the City will create a new neighborhood park. The park will include pathways, an inclusive playground, restrooms, scenic view locations, environmental restoration and a boardwalk connecting the park through the eastern side of the lake property to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.



DAVID BRINK PARK SHORELINE RENOVATION

Project Phase: In Design

Updates: Schematic design complete

Background: This is part of a shoreline infrastructure project that will be conducting major maintenance of docks, piers and shorelines.

132ND SQUARE PARK MASTER PLAN

Project Phase: Community Engagement and Master Plan Process

Updates: A draft Master Plan is being developed by the consultant. The plan will be presented to the Park Board at the September 11 meeting.

Background: The City is proposing replacing a non-regulation grass sports field with a synthetic turf field after the installation of a surface water detention structure underneath the field.



WAVERLY PARK PHASE 2

Project Phase: Pending

Updates: No updates

Background: The Waverly Park development will continue with additional phases. Phase II will include various improvements to the pier, walkways and accessibility of the site.



CITY / SCHOOL PLAYFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Project Phase: Construction – beginning July 2019

Updates: Work at Finn Hill Middle School has begun and will be complete by end of August.

Background: This long-standing partnership will continue with the improvement of Finn Hill Middle School and Peter Kirk Elementary School fields.



Park in August.

Background: This ongoing capital project strives to replace aging playgrounds, improve sports courts in the parks and make incremental progress towards providing accessibility throughout the park system.

JUANITA HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT

Project Phase: Feasibility Studies

Updates: Analysis of option continues.

Background: The expanding Juanita Heights Park is envisioned to allow trail connections to the surrounding neighborhoods all the way down to Juanita Bay Park.

PLAY AREAS AND ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENTS

Project Phase: Ongoing updates

Updates: Pickleball courts available at Everest



ADMINISTRATION

OFF LEASH DOG AREAS INITIATIVE

HISTORY

January 2018: City Council/Park Board Joint Study Session.

Park Board shared their interest in conducting public outreach for off-leash dog areas.

October 2018 through January 2019: Outreach Activities for Off-Leash Dog needs.

March 13, 2019: Final Report and findings presented to Park Board.

The Park Board recommends that staff proceed with developing options for off leash dog opportunities that include various configurations for further consideration by the Park Board and Council.

May 7, 2019: Joint meeting Park Board/ City Council – Study Session.

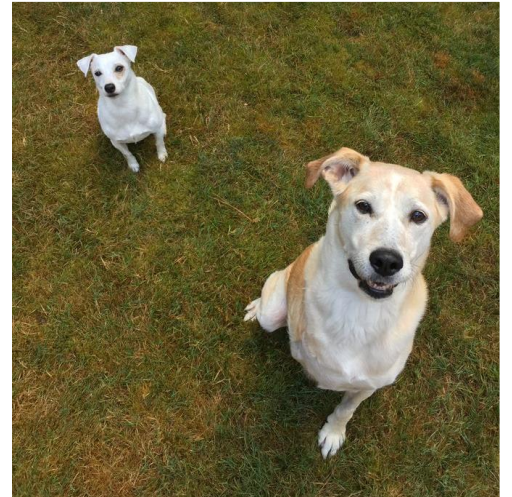
Final Report, findings and Park Board recommendation presented to City Council.

May 31, 2019: Staff conducted an internal workshop to determine best sites for exploration and develop 3-4 proposals, including anything needed to make each option successful, such as enforcement, construction, signage, accessibility and on-going maintenance.

NEXT STEPS

November 2019: Staff will present the options to Park Board for feedback and refinements to proposals to make a recommendation to City Council.

Date TBD: Staff will present the options to City Council.



SPECIAL EVENTS STUDY SESSION

Staff presented a special events overview and benchmarking presentation to the Kirkland City Council during the July 2nd study session. Staff provided information about laws regulating special events, the Special Event Service Team, special event permitting process and regional benchmarking results. The educational session was provided as a part of the ongoing work related to the Parks & Community Services Department's Cost Recovery Study and resource allocation policy development. Staff will return to Council later this fall to continue the discussion.